IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Debtors.)
) (Jointly Administered)
FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., et al., 1) Case No. 24-12480 (LSS)
In re:) Chapter 11
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SUMMARY OF FIFTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE DEBTORS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

Name of Applicant:

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:

Debtors and Debtors in Possession

Date of Retention:

November 3, 2024 (order entered January 7, 2025)

Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors' headquarters is located at 2371 Liberty Way, Virginia Beach,

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225),

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Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	April 1, 202	5 through April 30, 2025
Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$	301,888.00
80% of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary	\$	241,510.40
Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$	1,665.06
Total Amount of Fees and Expense sought:	\$	243,175.46

This is an: X Monthly Interim Final Application

This application contains 53.5 hours and \$18,220.50 in fees incurred with the connection with the preparation of fee applications.

PRIOR FEE APPLICATIONS FILED

Date	Period	Requested	Requested	Fees Pending	Expenses Pending
Filed / Docket #	Covered	Fees	Expenses	Approval	Approval
03/14/2025 Dkt. 1100	11/03/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$ 452,318.50	\$ 1,881.88	\$ 361,854.80	\$ 1,881.88
04/21/2025 Dkt. 1294	01/01/2025 - 01/31/2025	\$ 504,992.50	\$ 917.70	\$ 403,994.00	\$ 917.70
05/02/2025 Dkt. 1386	02/01/2025 - 02/28/2025	\$ 749,372.50	\$ 2,278.66	\$ 599,498.00	\$ 2,278.66
05/21/2025 Dkt. 1551	03/01/2025 - 03/31/2025	\$ 533,178.50	\$ 1,556.35	\$ 426,542.80	\$ 1,556.35

TOTAL \$ 2,239,862.00 \$ 6,634.59 \$ 1,791,889.60 \$ 6,634.59

CUMULATIVE TIME SUMMARY BY PROFESSIONAL

For the Period April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025

Professional	Level	Hours	Fees
Financial State	ement Audit and Related Services		
Boyle, Matthew	Partner/Principal	3.9	
Brodsky, Michael	Managing Director	1.5	
Cronin, Carl	Partner/Principal	1.0	
Donlon, Richard	Managing Director	4.4	
Goldblatt, Joel	Partner/Principal	7.4	
Jones, Brandon	Partner/Principal	67.0	
Sieverding, Keith	Partner/Principal	3.9	
Smith, Lisa	Managing Director	0.5	
Steffens, Marilyn	Managing Director	27.6	
Tilma-Ross, Lynne	Managing Director	2.0	
Vineyard, Bradley	Partner/Principal	37.0	
Vyas, Alka	Managing Director	9.4	
Weiss, Gregory	Partner/Principal	20.6	
Weston, Zachary	Partner/Principal	122.3	
Carrasco, Diana	Senior Manager	60.9	
Hussain, Sofia	Senior Manager	3.0	
Keast, Elizabeth	Senior Manager	58.2	
Modi, Kruti	Senior Manager	1.0	
Saraogi, Astha	Senior Manager	11.0	
Zaorski, Michal	Senior Manager	2.2	
Cavone, Rocsanna	Manager	1.0	
Collins, Mikaela	Manager	78.9	
Goodspeed, Madison	Manager	0.2	
Holman, Cheryl	Manager	0.7	
Kumar, Ravi	Manager	8.0	
McConnachie, Chase	Manager	3.0	
Sciano, May	Manager	139.0	
Alano, Michelle	Senior	4.4	
Blanco, Nidia	Senior	29.2	
Garg, Divya	Senior	18.5	
Kolpien, Stephanie	Senior	27.4	
Lassey, Katherine	Senior	38.6	
Parodi, Carlos	Senior	142.0	
Sood, Abhinav	Senior	9.0	
Bambroo, Sahil	Consultant	0.2	
Bellora, Brandon	Consultant	185.6	
Bergeron, Bailey	Consultant	27.1	
Fitzpatrick, Emily	Consultant	116.7	

Neumann, Logan Professional Subtotal	Consultant	137.7 	\$90,800.00
Murphy, Grace	Consultant	0.8	
Khanduja, Bhavya	Consultant	27.0	
Hecht, Nina	Consultant	0.2	
Jindal, Ananya	Consultant	2.0	
Trishla, Thatikonda	Consultant	1.0	

Professional	Level	Rate	Hours	Fees		
Out of Scope Services						
Barton, Christopher	Managing Director	\$980.00	0.6	\$588.00		
Boyle, Matthew	Partner/Principal	\$980.00	0.6	\$588.00		
Fleming, Matthew	Managing Director	\$980.00	1.1	\$1,078.00		
Steffens, Marilyn	Managing Director	\$980.00	2.1	\$2,058.00		
Goldblatt, Joel	Partner/Principal	\$980.00	0.5	\$490.00		
Perez Zaldivar, Ignacio	Managing Director	\$980.00	0.5	\$490.00		
Tilma-Ross, Lynne	Managing Director	\$980.00	2.0	\$1,960.00		
Vettese, Stephanie	Managing Director	\$980.00	10.0	\$9,800.00		
Vineyard, Bradley	Partner/Principal	\$980.00	11.2	\$10,976.00		
Weston, Zachary	Partner/Principal	\$980.00	27.2	\$26,656.00		
Aponte, Mara	Senior Manager	\$970.00	0.5	\$485.00		
Egea, Silvana	Senior Manager	\$970.00	7.0	\$6,790.00		
Carrasco, Diana	Senior Manager	\$970.00	3.3	\$3,201.00		
Keast, Elizabeth	Senior Manager	\$970.00	4.3	\$4,171.00		
Cavone, Rocsanna	Manager	\$845.00	10.0	\$8,450.00		
Collins, Mikaela	Manager	\$845.00	22.1	\$18,674.50		
Sciano, May	Manager	\$845.00	21.3	\$17,998.50		
Parodi, Carlos	Senior	\$740.00	78.6	\$58,164.00		
Srivatsa, Prashanth	Senior	\$740.00	8.0	\$5,920.00		
Bambroo, Sahil	Consultant	\$615.00	2.5	\$1,537.50		
Bellora, Brandon	Consultant	\$615.00	1.0	\$615.00		
Fitzpatrick, Emily	Consultant	\$615.00	12.4	\$7,626.00		
Khanduja, Bhavya	Consultant	\$615.00	3.5	\$2,152.50		
Murphy, Grace	Consultant	\$615.00	2.4	\$1,476.00		
Sutaria, Devin	Consultant	\$615.00_	1.5	\$922.50		
Professional Subtotal:			234.2	\$192,867.50		

Professional	Level	Rate	Hours	Fees
Preparation of	Fee Applications			
Vineyard, Bradley	Partner/Principal	\$980.00	0.6	\$588.00
Weston, Zachary	Partner/Principal	\$980.00	6.0	\$5,880.00
McDonald, Carisa	Senior	\$275.00	3.1	\$852.50
Gutierrez, Dalia	Consultant	\$250.00	41.8	\$10,450.00
M, Deepa	Consultant	\$225.00	2.0	\$450.00
Professional Subtotal	l:		53.5	\$18,220.50

Total Blended Hourly Rate: \$174.43 1,730.7 \$301,888.00

CUMULATIVE FEES BY CATEGORY SUMMARY

For the Period April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025

Categories	Hours	Fees
Financial Statement Audit and Related Services	1,443.0	\$90,800.00
Out of Scope Services	234.2	\$192,867.50
Preparation of Fee Applications	53.5	\$18,220.50
Fees Category Subtotal :	1.730.7	\$301.888.00

CUMULATIVE EXPENSES BY CATEGORY SUMMARY

For the Period April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025

Expense Categories	Total Expenses for the Period
Hotel	\$607.82
Meals	\$447.69
Mileage	\$417.20
Parking	\$33.00
Tolls	\$159.35
Expense Category Subtotal :	\$1,665.06

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In re:)) Chapter 11
FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., et al., 1)) Case No. 24-12480 (LSS)
) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.) Objection Deadline: June 23, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

FIFTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE DEBTORS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

Pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), and the Order Establishing Procedures for

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy's Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy's Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260), Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123), Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies "Plus", LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors' headquarters is located at 2371 Liberty Way, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Estate Professionals [D.I. 353] (the "Interim Compensation Order"), Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche" or the "Applicant") hereby files this fifth monthly fee statement (this "Monthly Fee Statement") for allowance of compensation for professional services performed by Deloitte & Touche during the period commencing April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 (the "Application Period"). In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Deloitte & Touche respectfully states as follows:

BACKGROUND

- 1. On November 3, 2024 (the "Petition Date"), each of the Debtors filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases"). The Debtors are authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. On January 7, 2025, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Independent Auditor Effective as of the Petition Date* [D.I. 670] (the "Retention Order") authorizing the retention and employment of Deloitte & Touche as the Debtors' independent auditor, effective as of the Petition Date.

RELIEF REQUESTED

3. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Deloitte & Touche respectfully requests allowance and payment of \$241,510.40 (80% of \$301,888.00) as compensation for professional services rendered to the Debtors during the Application Period. Deloitte & Touche also seeks reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Application Period in the amount of \$1,665.06, for a total requested compensation of fees and expenses of \$243,175.46. Deloitte & Touche submits this Monthly Fee Statement in accordance with the Interim

Compensation Order and the Retention Order. All services for which Deloitte & Touche requests compensation were performed for, or on behalf of, the Debtors.

COMPENSATION REQUESTED

- 4. This is the fifth Monthly Fee Statement filed by Deloitte & Touche in these chapter 11 cases. In connection with the professional services rendered, by this Monthly Fee Statement, Deloitte & Touche seeks (i) allowance of compensation in the amount of \$301,888.00 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered, (ii) payment of compensation in the amount of 80% thereof (i.e., \$241,510.40), and (iii) payment of \$1,665.06 for actual and necessary expenses incurred. The Applicant maintains computerized records of the time expended in the rendering of the professional services required by the Debtors. These records are maintained in the ordinary course of the Applicant's business. A detailed statement of hours spent rendering professional services to the Debtors in support of Deloitte & Touche's request for compensation for fees incurred during the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. **Exhibit A** complies with Local Rule 2016-1 in that it (i) identifies the professionals and paraprofessionals that rendered services in each project category and (ii) describes each service such professional or paraprofessional performed.
- 5. No agreement or understanding exists between Deloitte & Touche and any nonaffiliated or unrelated person or persons for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for professional services rendered in, or in connection with, these cases.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES RENDERED

6. Deloitte & Touche provides below an overview of the services it rendered as independent auditor to the Debtors during the Application Period. Detailed descriptions of these

services, the amount of fees incurred, and the amount of hours spent providing services throughout the Application Period are also provided in the exhibits attached hereto.

- 7. Financial Statement Audit and Related Matters. Applicant performed audit services and related procedures in connection with the consolidated financial statements for (1) Franchise Group, Inc., (2) Pet Supplies Plus, LLC, (3) Pet Supplies Plus Franchising, LLC, (4) Wag N' Wash Franchising, LLC, and (4) Pet Supplies Plus National Advertising Fund for the fiscal year ended 2024. The total hours were 1,443.0 and the total amount is the fixed fee² of \$90,800.00.
- 8. Out of Scope Audit Services. Applicant performed audit procedures, analyzed risk assessments and held discussions related to bankruptcy accounting under Accounting Standard Codification 852, Reorganizations. Applicant performed audit procedures over the Company's goodwill and tradename impairments during the current year given the changes in business including bankruptcy implications. Applicant performed audit procedures over the Badcock securitized receivables and secured borrowing which were not included in the original audit fixed fee. The total hours were 234.2 and the total amount is \$192,867.50.
- 9. *Fee Applications*. Applicant reviewed and prepared its fee applications to be filed with the Court. The total hours were 53.5 and the total amount is \$18,220.50.

ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

10. Because of the benefits realized by the Debtors, the nature of services provided, the amount of work done, the time consumed, and the skill required, Deloitte & Touche requests that

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As described in further detail in the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Independent Auditor Effective as of the Petition Date filed on December* 3, 2024 [D.I. 295].

it be allowed, on an interim basis, compensation for the professional services rendered during the Application Period in the sum of \$301,888.00.

- 11. During the Application Period, allowance of compensation in the amount requested would result in a blended hourly billing rate for professionals of approximately \$174.43.
- 12. Deloitte & Touche respectfully submits that the professional services rendered by Deloitte & Touche on behalf of the Debtors during the Application Period were reasonable, necessary, and appropriate to the administration of these chapter 11 cases and related matters.
- 13. Deloitte & Touche has disbursed, and requests reimbursement for, a total of \$1,665.06 in expenses, which represents the actual and necessary expenses incurred by Deloitte & Touche in the rendition of professional services in these chapter 11 cases during the Application Period.
- 14. Deloitte & Touche believes that the actual and necessary expenses incurred in providing professional services during the Application Period were necessary, reasonable, and justified under the circumstances to provide services to the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE'S REQUESTED FEES SHOULD BE ALLOWED BY THIS COURT

15. Section 330 provides that a court may award a professional employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered... and reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Deloitte & Touche respectfully submits that the services for which it seeks compensation in this Application Period were necessary for, and beneficial to, the Debtors and were performed economically, effectively, and efficiently. Deloitte & Touche further submits that the compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services to the Debtors. Further, in accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the

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Bankruptcy Code, the amount of fees requested is fair and reasonable given: (i) the complexity of

these chapter 11 cases; (ii) the time expended; (iii) the nature and extent of the services rendered;

(iv) the value of such services; and (v) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under

this title. Accordingly, Deloitte & Touche asserts that the approval of the compensation sought

herein is warranted.

WHEREFORE, Deloitte & Touche respectfully request that the Court (i) approve the

Monthly Fee Statement and (ii) grant such further relief as is just and proper.

June 2, 2025

/s/ Bradley Vineyard

Bradley Vineyard

Partner

Deloitte & Touche LLP

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND WAIVER

I, Bradley Vineyard, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and

belief, and after reasonable inquiry, hereby certify that:

1. I am a Partner with Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche"), and I am duly

authorized to make this certification on behalf of Deloitte & Touche. Deloitte & Touche was

retained by Franchise Group, Inc. and its affiliated debtors (collectively, the "Debtors"). This

certification is made in support of the Fifth Monthly Fee Statement of Deloitte & Touche LLP for

Compensation for Services Rendered as Independent Auditor to the Debtors and Reimbursement

of Expenses Incurred for the Period from April 1, 2025 Through and Including April 30, 2025

(the "Monthly Fee Statement") and in compliance with rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules").

2. I have read the Monthly Fee Statement, and I certify that the Monthly Fee Statement

substantially complies with Local Rule 2016-1.

3. The facts set forth in the foregoing Monthly Fee Statement are true and correct to the

best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: June 2, 2025

Charlotte, North Carolina

Respectfully submitted,

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

/s/ Bradley Vineyard

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